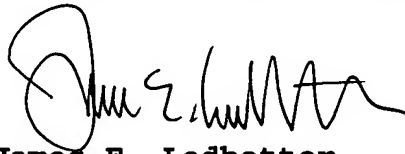


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels the previous claims in favor of new claims 25-28 and accompanies the filing of a Petition to Make Special.

Early and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James E. Ledbetter', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James E. Ledbetter  
Registration No. 28,732

Date: August 15, 2006

JEL/ATT

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. L7725.05102

STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P.  
1615 L Street, NW, Suite 850  
P.O. Box 34387  
Washington, DC 20043-4387  
Telephone: (202) 785-0100  
Facsimile: (202) 408-5200